

October 15, 2001

Valvia M. Wilson
Director of Federal TRIO Programs
500 West County Line Road
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Dear Ms. Wilson:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am honored to support the efforts of the Tougaloo College Educational Talent Search program to secure a multi-year grant from the United States Department of Education

Not only does this program allow disadvantaged students the opportunity for knowledge and experience, but the program also gives those students the guidance needed to build their confidence and set and achieve their goals for the future.

This program has been in operation for over thirty years, providing leadership, encouragement and guidance, as well as vital services to countless middle and high school students. The accomplishments of this program speak for themselves and I look forward to the continued success of the Tougaloo College Educational Talent Search program.

One of the many goals of my administration is to make Mississippi, "America's State of Promise." By working with the leaders of this program, we are taking steps to make this goal a reality.

Please do not hesitate to call if I may be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

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